(a) whether any area to the west of Nettur has been given for fishing purposes;

(b) whether any permanent bund has been put up there; if not, will they kindly order the construction of a bund there;

(c) are the Government aware that the roots of bearing cocoanut trees now remain under salt water on account of the storage of water for prawn and other fishing in this locality; has any complaint been made to the Government by any one affected by this?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—(a) Yes.

(b) The fishing is given on the request of the land owners who mean to put up a permanent bund.

(c) No.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Is the right given to the owners of the lands that are adjacent to the site?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Yes.

Talappilli Co-operative Arecanut Marketing Society.

248. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Talapilli Co-operative Arecanut Marketing Society was started;

(b) what is the amount of Government money advanced for the working of the said society,

(c) what is the nature and amount of work turned out by the society up to date?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—(a) Started on 5th Chingom 1112.

(b) Rs. 5,500.

(c) Nature of work—

1. Granting loans on the security of agricultural produce.

2. Raising of funds for the above purpose.

3. Arranging proper Godowns in important centres for the safe custody of the articles pledged.

4. Marketing the produce of members at favourable rates.

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Amount of work done.

The Society has a total of 48 members on the rolls. 28 loans to the value of Rs. 2,004—4—0 have been issued on the security of produce, of which a sum of Rs. 1,447—4—0 has been repaid. Loans issued were on the security of arecanuts or on the security of cashewnuts, pepper and paddy. A marketing depot is proposed to be opened at Trichy. The Society also does business on commission basis, the total commission realised being Rs. 35—3—7. It also makes seasonal purchases of cashewnuts and sells them on a small margin.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, how much of the funds has been raised by the Society to grant loans on the security of agricultural produce—Subdivisions (1) & (2) of (c)?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—It is not always necessary to raise funds for this purpose. Originally, our idea was to raise funds and then on the pledge of these agricultural produce, to give loans to the members. But later on we found that the question of marketing was far more important in the process of selling and standardisation. Now, the attempt is mainly directed towards it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is the House to understand that no funds have been raised by the Society with that object?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—That was no necessity to raise funds.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—On the whole, is it working satisfactorily?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—It is not quite satisfactory now. But we are going to the other stage.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Does the loan advanced by Government carry any interest, if so, at what rate?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Rs. 500 bears no interest. Rs. 5000 bears 3 per cent interest.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Is there any share capital raised from members?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—I cannot say off hand.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is there any arrangement to take to the market the produce of the members?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Originally on the one side the members wanted the Board of Directors to give them an assurance of giving them some profit after marketting and on the other hand the members of the Board wanted that the Government should incur any loss—of course if they incurred any loss in the course of their doing business. Between the two there went on some negotiations and it was finally decided that a depot should be opened at Trichinopoly and its progress watched.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—What is the result of the negotiations as to who is to bear the loss?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Government are not prepared to bear any loss. Government have now given more than the required help for the time being and Government have no such idea. The committee have decided that they would incur any loss and after consulting the experts they find that there would not be any loss.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—When does the Society expect to commence business at Trichinopoly?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—By Medam.

Arrack shops—Trichur—particulars regarding.

249. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the arrack shops in the Trichur Town are not under the same licensee this year;

(2) for how many years have all such shops been bid by one single contractor;

(3) the bid amounts for all the arrack shops of the Trichur Town for the last 10 years?

Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar *(Commissioner of Excise).*—

(1) Yes.

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